

The Bon Marche,  
Fourth and Pine, Seattle

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[Book Department]

Dear Department head:

I am sending an advance circular of my forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers and writing to personally acquaint you with this book which is being readied for 1956 publication.

I do not know, but suspect you have an arrangement with the publisher, Caxtons of Caldwell Idaho, for purchases, or acquire books through some other firm.

I am suggesting that you advance order some copies at this time, since a check of the circular will show you it is a distinctive Northwest item.

Moreover, I am confident the book will be well publicized when it is issued. I have an incomplete list of former residents of the Yakima Valley and followers of this type of material living in and around Seattle. It surprises me to see that this amounts to over 150 persons and I am sure by the time other contacts are completed, it will be 100 more than that for your area alone.

By knowing that you have advanced ordered, I will then be able to continue to work up an effective contact campaign, recommending that purchases be made through local dealers. I will also be able to schedule a book tour with these very unusual and interesting Wanapums, and if you would be interested in something like that, I am sure it could be worked out...a short visit to the store or something you would suggest.

I have reason to believe that these "anapums will be "making news" as they have done recently through selection of their name as one of the two \$400,000,000 Priest Rapids dams which is coming up for license issuance shortly. (I note in this respect that Seattle may be tied into power acquisition from this dam. )

This book is not a political vehicle. The foreword is by the noted Dr. F.W. Hodge, formerly of Smithsonian Institution, editor of the large quarto volumes, Curtis' American Indians, editor of the Handbook of the American Indian etc. Yet it is a plain and simple tale, good history etc.

For the information of the Department head I was recently asked to write several sections and edit a Treaty Centennial booklet of 30,000 words, illustrated, by the Yakima Nation. These reserved Indians thus authorized publication of the first book of that kind in their history as a tribe. Since I was able to do this for them, or rather was honored by so doing, I was able to procure several copies at cost and would be glad to send you a copy with my compliments. Just drop me a note.

(Tonight I am to attend a banquet at Hotel Chinook given by the tribe in honor of those who helped like I did.)

The enclosed clippings will give you a little better insight--not too much, on the book.

The enclosed circulars are for your convenience. If you do not have an arrangement with Saxtons or some firm, they may be returned to me, or even if you do, you could note who to credit and it will be done. You will receive the usual dealer discount.

Should you wish a supply of these circulars for your own use, please let me know and they will be sent you at the proper time.

Sincerely hoping I may hear from you so I can complete my promotion plans for the mutual benefit, I am

Sincerely Yours

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